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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 13 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 8 and 20 as follows:

1. (Original) A method of compensating for temporary subscriber unavailability in a mobile instant message session environment, comprising:

causing a mobile subscriber to register with an instant message system prior to participating in an instant message session;

indicating availability of the mobile subscriber to buddies of the mobile subscriber;

receiving an instant message intended for the mobile subscriber from one of the buddies;

and

dropping the instant message intended for the mobile subscriber from the one of the buddies if the mobile subscriber does not receive the instant message after the instant message is resent a predetermined number of times.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising automatically unregistering the mobile subscriber after the resending of an instant message intended for the mobile subscriber from one of the buddies for one of a predetermined number of times and a predetermined time period.

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3. (Original) A mobile subscriber instant message system, comprising:  
an instant message proxy for receiving registration information from a mobile subscriber  
and for subsequently indicating to registered system subscribers participating in an instant  
message session that the mobile subscriber is available for receiving instant messages;  
the instant message proxy further for resending an instant message intended for the  
mobile subscriber and not received by the mobile subscriber to compensate for mobile network  
latencies; and  
the instant message proxy further for dropping the instant message if the mobile  
subscriber does not receive the instant message after the instant message is resent a  
predetermined number of times.
4. (Original) The mobile subscriber instant message system of claim 3, wherein the  
instant message proxy is located in one of a mobile services switching center, a mobile system  
gateway, and an instant message server.
5. (Original) The mobile subscriber instant message system of claim 3, wherein the  
instant message proxy is located in proximity to one of a mobile services switching center, a  
mobile system gateway, and an instant message server.
6. (Original) The mobile subscriber instant message system of claim 3, wherein the  
instant message proxy includes at least one of a timer and a counter programmed to limit the  
instant message from being sent to the mobile subscriber for at least one of only the  
predetermined number of times and within a predetermined time period.

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7. (Original) The mobile subscriber instant message system of claim 3, further comprising a login server with which the mobile subscriber must register prior to participating in an instant message session, the login server for indicating to the registered system subscribers participating in the instant message session that the mobile subscriber is available for receiving instant messages.

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8. (Currently Amended) A method of bundling messages for a mobile subscriber in an instant message system to minimize mobile system connection overhead, comprising:  
queueing instant messages intended for the mobile subscriber while the mobile subscriber is not registered with the instant message system;  
notifying the mobile subscriber when [queued instant message parameters reach a predetermined limit] a buddy sends a second message intended for the mobile subscriber subsequent to sending a first unanswered message, the second message being different from the first unanswered message;  
facilitating connection of the mobile subscriber to the instant message system to enable the mobile subscriber to retrieve the queued instant messages.

9. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the notifying the mobile subscriber when queued instant message parameters reach a predetermined limit comprises notifying the mobile subscriber when the number of queued instant messages intended for the mobile subscriber reaches a predetermined number.

10. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the notifying the mobile subscriber when queued instant message parameters reach a predetermined limit comprises notifying the mobile subscriber when at least one queued instant message intended for the mobile subscriber has been queued for a predetermined amount of time.

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11. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein the notifying the mobile subscriber when queued instant message parameters reach a predetermined limit comprises notifying the mobile subscriber when a predetermined number of buddies send messages intended for the mobile subscriber within a predetermined amount of time.

12. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the notifying the mobile subscriber when queued instant message parameters reach a predetermined limit comprises notifying the mobile subscriber when a predetermined number of buddies send a predetermined number of messages intended for the mobile subscriber within a predetermined amount of time.

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the notifying the mobile subscriber when queued instant message parameters reach a predetermined limit is based at least in part on a number of instant message session participants.

15. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the notifying the mobile subscriber when queued instant message parameters reach a predetermined limit is based at least in part on one of mobile network traffic parameters and mobile subscriber subscription parameters.

16. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the predetermined limit in the notifying the mobile subscriber when queued instant message parameters reach a predetermined limit is based at least in part on mobile subscriber-based instructions.

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17. (Original) The method of claim 8, further comprising:  
causing the mobile subscriber to register with the instant message system when the  
mobile subscriber wants to participate in an instant message session; and  
indicating to buddies of the mobile subscriber that the mobile subscriber is available for  
receiving instant messages.
18. (Original) The method of claim 8, further comprising downloading the queued  
instant messages intended for the mobile subscriber when one of a high priority instant message  
is received and the mobile subscriber sends an outgoing message.
19. (Original) The method of claim 8, further comprising notifying buddies of the  
mobile subscriber that the mobile subscriber is connected through a wireless system upon  
initiation of the queuing of instant messages intended for the mobile subscriber while the mobile  
subscriber is not registered with the instant message system.

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20 (Currently Amended) A mobile subscriber instant message system, comprising:  
an instant message proxy located between a mobile subscriber and at least one instant  
message buddy of the mobile subscriber for queuing instant messages intended for the mobile  
subscriber while the mobile subscriber is not registered;  
the instant message proxy further for notifying the mobile subscriber when [queued  
instant message parameters reach a predetermined limit] a buddy sends a second message  
intended for the mobile subscriber subsequent to sending a first unanswered message, the second  
message being different from the first unanswered message; and  
the instant message proxy further for enabling the mobile subscriber to retrieve the  
queued instant messages when the queued instant message parameters reach the predetermined  
limit.